



AmeriCorps Affiliate Technical Assistance Call

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Agenda

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What is AmeriCorps Affiliate?

- A new, separate stream of AmeriCorps service
- Allows individuals as young as 14 to serve as AmeriCorps members
- Adds a 100 hour service term
- Examples of AmeriCorps Affiliate activities include tutoring children, running an after school program, providing health information to vulnerable populations, conducting neighborhood cleanup, etc.
- A noncompetitive application process

AmeriCorps Affiliate is not:

- A grant program
 - Only Education Awards are provided by CNCS; not grant dollars
 - This will not change with future programming
- A way to provide Education Awards to existing volunteers
 - AmeriCorps Affiliate programming must be in addition to activities that are already planned. Applications must clearly describe how the AmeriCorps Affiliate program would change the current activity in size, scope, or design by becoming an AmeriCorps Affiliate program.
- AmeriCorps State and National or AmeriCorps VISTA

AmeriCorps Member Eligibility

- Members may be as young as 14; there is no upper age limit
 - Parental consent must be given for those under 18
- U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals, or lawful permanent residents of the U.S.
- Must meet program specific requirements of the sponsor
- Members may be compensated for their service
 - May or may not be considered employees; depends on program design and must be determined by the sponsor

Criminal History Check Requirements

- Required search of NSOPW.gov
 - Prior to start of work/service
 - Must be documented or sponsor risks returning part of all of Education Award
- Must not be convicted of murder
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- Other program screens to address risks to vulnerable populations as outlined in the approved application

Program Sponsor Roles & Responsibilities

The Sponsor must:

- Implement the program as described in the approved application
- Monitor program performance and member activities;
- Train and provide technical assistance to staff and members;
- Track and ensure the accuracy of member hours and activities;
- Track progress toward meeting approved performance measures and submitting progress reports;
- Identify affiliation with AmeriCorps;
- Adhere to member recruitment, selection, enrollment and exiting requirements; and,
- Comply with the agreement, as well as with all applicable provisions, regulations, guidelines and CNCS policies.

Program Sponsor Roles & Responsibilities Continued

- The Sponsor is responsible for ensuring that the positions do not include or put the AmeriCorps member in a situation in which the member is at risk for engaging in any prohibited activity (see 42 USC § 12584a), or activity that would violate the non-duplication and non-displacement requirements (see 42 USC § 12637).

Before applying, consider...

- Do you have the staff and infrastructure to recruit, verify eligibility, orient, enroll, and supervise the members you are requesting?
- Start up documents you would need to develop include:
 - Orientation Materials
 - Member Handbook
 - Members Service Contract
 - Hours tracking
- Review Program Management Guidance on the Affiliate website

Notice Overview

- Review all materials at www.nationalservice.gov/affiliate
- Key dates are on the Review Cycle Calendar, including member start dates
- Summer start applications due February 21, 2018
- Fall/Winter start applications due June 14, 2018

Notice Overview Continued

- Noncompetitive Selection Process: Please contact us if you have questions
- Affiliate designations are intended to use national service as a means to incubate and expand service opportunities to create self-sustaining service models that complement existing AmeriCorps programs.
- One-year award period
 - All members must complete service within this timeframe

Selection Criteria

- Please review all selection criteria in the Notice
- One of the criteria is:
 - Describe how your proposed national service activity is in addition to the activity currently planned by your program.
 - Applicants proposing to simply add Education Awards to existing activities do not meet the criteria. You must describe in detail how AmeriCorps Affiliate is in addition to current plans.

Performance Measures

- Performance Measures must describe the activities members will engage in with community members as beneficiaries of service
 - AmeriCorps members are not the Performance Measure beneficiaries
 - Program implementation activities should not be included in Performance Measures
- Only Outputs are required, but eGrants requires an Outcome to also be selected
 - If you choose to apply using an output only, please follow the instructions in the FAQ document on how to enter placeholder outcome information

State Service Commission Collaboration

- Contact the State Service Commission in EVERY STATE where you plan to operate to notify them of your intention to apply for AmeriCorps Affiliate
- A list of state service commissions can be found here:
<http://www.nationalservice.gov/about/contact-us/state-service-commissions/>



Questions?